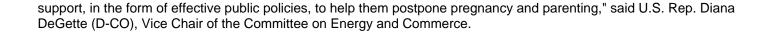


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"After more than a decade of decline, teen pregnancy and birth rates are now on the rise," said Pro-Choice Caucus Co-Chair Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY). "We can all agree that we must reduce unintended teen pregnancies and the methodology is clear - empower women to prevent unintended pregnancies through education and access to contraception."

"Teen pregnancy places an immense burden on families, and it too often leads to young women foregoing the education they need to be happier and more successful mothers down the road," said U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL). "Teaching our children about safe behavior is critical to ensuring that they have the bright futures they deserve. I am pleased to join my colleagues in speaking out for the health and safety of our children and grandchildren."

Today, more than 175 national organizations in the health, entertainment, education, faith and media fields, and nearly 50 state and local organizations are partnering to promote and support the 8th annual National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. More than 300,000 individuals are expected to take this year's National Day Quiz, which is designed to help teens think carefully about sex and waiting, the possibility of pregnancy, and the lifelong challenges of being a parent.

By logging onto http://www.stayteen.org/, teens can take the online quiz that presents them with realistic scenarios and asks them to take a course of action. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, sponsor of the National Day, says the Internet based quiz will empower teens across the nation to make a personal commitment to avoiding unplanned pregnancy. More than a quarter million people took the quiz last year and nearly three-quarters of them said it helped them think about what they might do in such situations. For more information or to learn how you can get involved, please visit http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/.

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